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## Babyland Celebrates 20th Year

On Saturday, May 14, 1988 approximately 50 people — employees, friends, and founders — gathered at the Priory Restaurant in Newark to celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary of Babyland Nursery, Inc. In the serene beauty of the Priory stood a table surrounded with colorful gifts, centered with a large standing present day picture assembly of the honorees, and an open scrapbook containing news articles and pictures dating back to September 15, 1968 of many people who have been with the nation's largest Infant Care Center since its humble beginning in 1968. This special greeting area held the attention of many who were interested in reminiscence through reading the history of the corporation, seeing an article and/or picture which defined their particular feat, or comparing pictures of yesterday with those of today.

Jeanne Gibbons, originally an Operation Housewives' member and

presently a Babyland Board Member, chaired the celebration and welcomed the group in a spirit of "sisterhood." Jeanne gave a brief description of the organization's history when urban and suburban women calling themselves Operation Housewives met together to have coffee and to become better acquainted. This brief encounter led to the opening of a Thrift Shop in 1968, a seven room apartment in Scudder Homes which housed the first Babyland infants in 1969, and today, three nurseries including the first facility built in the United States especially for child care, at a cost of almost two million dollars. Credit was given to the Telephone Pioneers of America, Thrift Volunteers, Girl Scouts, a Pediatrician, and Urban and Suburban Women for the success of Babyland twenty years ago and today.

Before introducing Babyland Executive Director and founder, Mary

Smith, Jeanne read a poem entitled "Our Deep Appreciation" printed in 1830-1894 by Christina Rossetti and surprised her with the presentation of a gift.

In keeping with the "sisterhood"

spirit, Mrs. Smith, in her usual manner, gave warm and moving remarks to those present, especially Medley Christopher, Jeanne Gibbons, Diane Roach, Karla Squier, and Madge

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Babyland's founders proudly pose for their 20th Anniversary picture. L-R: Jean Gibbons, Mary Smith, Dr. Paul Kearney, Madge Wilson, Martha Chaneyfield, and Berta Perry.

## Monsignor Linder Observes 25th Anniversary Of Priesthood

The day chosen for the parish Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate Monsignor William J. Linder's 25th anniversary of ordination was a historic one in Newark, but for quite another reason...On that day, June 5th, Monsignor Linder was also a deputy grand marshal of Newark's Black Heritage Day Parade — the first time a non-black has been accorded that honor.

In a way it is a visible, public

affirmation of his life as a servant of his church. It is especially meaningful since Father Linder's class of 1963 at Immaculate Conception Seminary was the first after the reforms initiated by The Second Vatican Council — reforms which emphasized Church being made up of the "people of God," not structures.

The singular honor was earned by

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Msgr. William Linder shares the happy moment with Archbishop Theodore McCarrick after his anniversary mass at Newark's Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Photo by Dan Zehnder

## Coretta Scott King To Announce Mobilization For 25th Anniversary Of Civil Rights March On Washington

Coretta Scott King will visit New Community Corporation on Friday, June 10 to announce the "Mobilization for the 25th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington."

A public reception for Mrs. King will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. in The Atrium of St. Joseph Plaza, 233 West Market Street, Newark, in order for her to greet as many members of the community as possible.

Twenty five years after the historic civil rights march, the anniversary will commemorate that hot day in August when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. stirred the nation. "I have a dream," he told the multitudes that stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, along the Reflecting Pool, and at the foot of the Washington Monument.

"I have a dream," he said. And at that march, and all across this land, Americans rejoiced at his vision.

It is this spirit of joy and resolve that Mrs. King is working to mobilize for the 25th Anniversary Ceremony in Washington on August 27.

Mrs. King has devoted her time to continuing her husband's dream.

Mrs. King will begin her Newark visit with a tour of Babyland III, at 200 South Orange Avenue, part of the New Community Network.

So much of Mrs. King's work aims

toward improving the future of our nation's children, so it is to children that she will first devote her attention on the June 10 visit.

Youngsters from Babyland III will present Mrs. King with money they collected to assist the anniversary commemoration.

Following a private reception, Mrs. King will be the guest of honor at a public reception, during which she will speak on the mobilization effort.



Coretta Scott King

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# Major Rehabilitation Project Completed

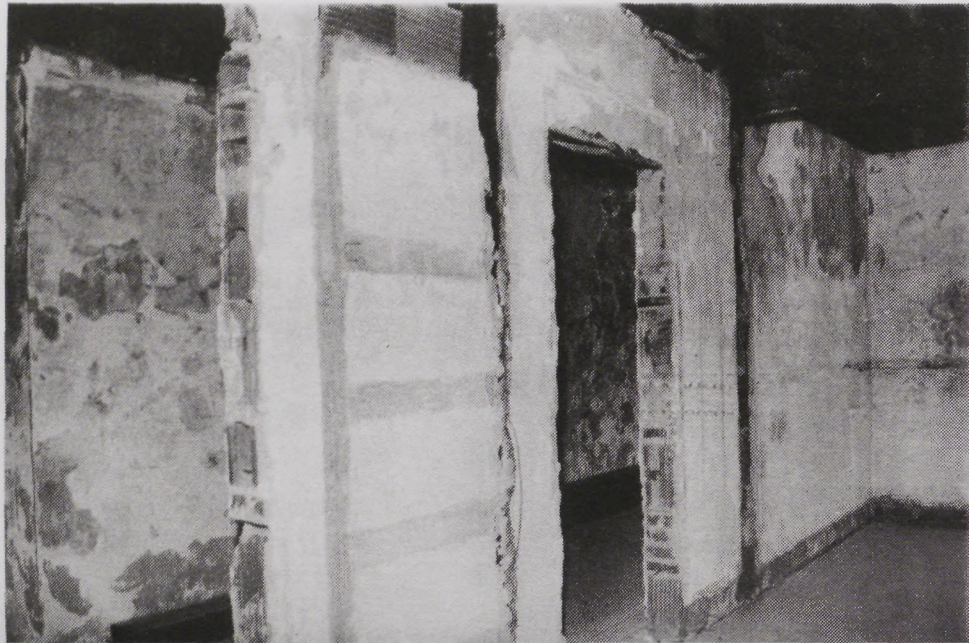
*It's Just A Drop In The Bucket Compared To Need*

New Community Corporation is proud to announce the substantial completion of a major rehabilitation project at 351-357 Sussex Avenue, Newark, New Jersey. This project involved the complete restoration of an abandoned four story building which had been neglected and vandalized into 31 apartment units for low-income families. Currently this is the only low income rental rehabilitation project in the city of Newark.

Every major element of the building was replaced with new equipment including the roof, windows, boiler, pipes and electrical wiring.

Each apartment will come equipped with appliances, individual thermostats, sprinklers and carpeting. The building will also feature a laundry room, security system and a community meeting facility.

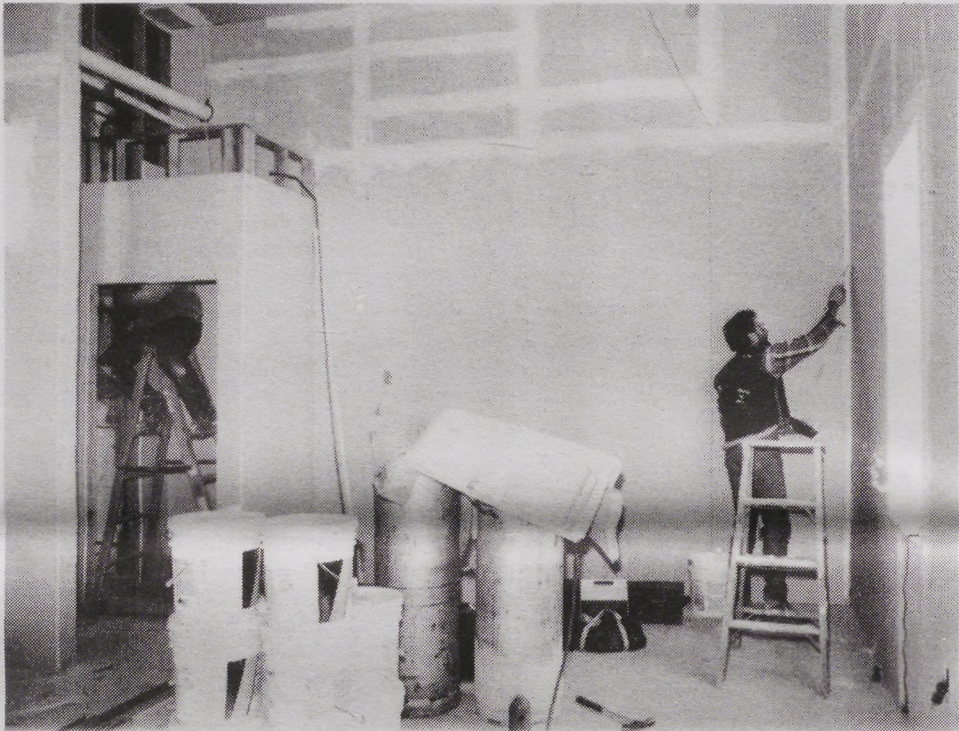
The actual construction work was performed by Bellemead Development Corporation who did an excellent job on NCC's behalf. Their efforts and the support of their corporate management is deeply appreciated. This project would not have been possible without their assistance.



**BEFORE:** Crumbling plaster bares walls down to brick and wood in places prior to the renovation.



**AFTER:** Finished apartment features spacious carpeted living area and a roomy entrance and kitchen, complete with serving island.



**DURING:** A worker spackles walls in preparation for the painters.

## Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201)623-2800 ext. 206.

## THE NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

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## NCC Receives Two New Managers

The newest members of our NCC management team are Sylvia Johnston and Constance Francis. Both are very familiar with the New Community Family.

Sylvia started within the NCC network as a receptionist, became a recertification specialist and is now site manager of New Community Commons Family. She is a single



**Sylvia Johnston**

parent who attended Seton Hall University, majoring in political science. Ms. Johnston has also taken courses in Secretarial Science, Time Management, Real Estate and the NCC Leadership course.

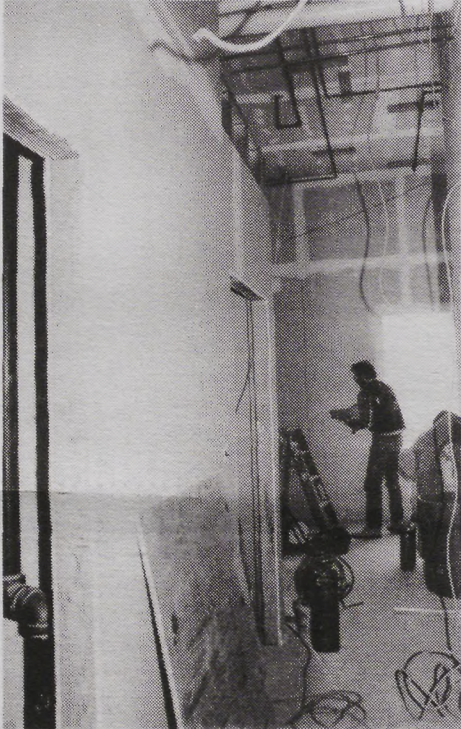
Constance Francis on the other

hand received her experience on the job at Douglass-Harrison Apartments. She worked as a secretary dealing with rental collection, tenant relations, automatic data products and various other tasks. Constance also is a single parent. Before coming to NCC she graduated from the American Business Institute, in



**Constance Francis**

which she was an honor student. Constance majored in word processing. An interesting note is that Constance was referred to us by the NCC



**Unconnected wires snake from walls and ceilings, awaiting the electricians.**

Employment Center. Constance is now Manager of New Community Gardens Family and New Community Gardens Senior.

Both new managers will be an added asset to the Management Team.

Mike Davis



# Monsignor Linder Anniversary...

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a priestly life spent working for the people of Newark, first at Queen of Angels Church and later as pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish. Asked about a reflection on his expectations and the reality of his priesthood, Monsignor Linder said, "It really has been 100% plus of what I intended. I've received far more than I ever dreamed." According to the jubiliarian, his idea of service was very idealistic as a young person, "but as you grow and mature you are much more conscious of what you receive back."

When he began his priestly life the times were turbulent times, evidenced by the crisis of the Newark riots of 1967 experienced while at Queen of Angels, located in the center of the upheaval in the Central Ward. But out of that crisis came a gathering of the people who under Father Linder's leadership founded the non-profit housing and development corporation now known as New Community. NCC today provides 2300 units of low

and moderate income housing, 700 permanent jobs, with an employment center which placed over 1000 people in permanent jobs in 1987. Three day care centers affiliated with NCC care for 320 children. The company provides its own management, social services and security services and offers an Extended Care Facility as part of its care for the elderly and infirm.

His 25th ordination year brings with it yet another accomplishment. Just last month, Monsignor Linder attained a long awaited goal when Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J., President of Fordham University, conferred on him his Ph.D. in Sociology from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

Father Linder was born in Jersey City and attended St. Peter's Prep, where he developed an awareness of the great needs of people. While at Manhattan College of Engineering he realized that the priesthood would fulfill his desire to do even more with his life and began studies at Seton

Hall University.

Preparation for any job is a given for the St. Rose Pastor, and as a result he has a wide background of educational experience to his credit. To learn about the Spanish language and culture, he attended the Centro Intercultural de Documentacion (CIDOC) in Mexico. Business needs pertaining to the non-profit New Community Corporation he founded took him to The Wharton School, The Institute for Professional and Executive Development in Washington, D.C. and to Rutgers University.

He is a former chairman of the Housing Task Force of the New Jersey Catholic Conference and since August 1976 has been a member of the New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency which has financed more than three billion dollars of housing in its history.

As a member of the Essex County Planning Office he was senior planner for five years and also served for 2½ years as Director of the Office of

Research and Planning for the Archdiocese of Newark. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of United Hospitals Medical Center in Newark and also a member of the Executive Committee. For six years he served on the Board of Trustees of United Way of Essex and Hudson Counties.

His work for the black and Hispanic communities in Newark over the past 25 years has earned him the honor of Deputy Grand Marshall of the Black Heritage Day Parade.

Monsignor Linder's future work for his people unfolds each day as he sees and assesses the needs...and starts planning. One priority is the need for a serious response to the problem of AIDS in Newark and those who are terminally ill. The poor and suffering and homeless are an every day part of his urban ministry and a constant challenge to his priestly life.

Family and friends celebrated that life on June 5th - a fitting day indeed, since his life began that day just 52 years ago.

## 20 Years For Babyland...

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Wilson, original members of Operation Housewives, as well as two members from the Telephone Pioneers who provided donations, and Dr. Paul Kearney, THE PEDIATRICIAN. To Dr. Kearney and Jeanne,



Mary Smith bestows a special award upon Dr. Paul Kearney.

Mrs. Smith gave thanks for the twenty years of unwavering dedication to Babyland and presented them with a recognition gift. Mrs. Smith also presented gifts to co-founders Martha Palmer, Berta Perry (a Babyland employee since its inception), and Madge Wilson (presently Babyland's Board President) and to employees with 10 or more years seniority. Virginia Jenkins has been with Babyland 18 years, Annie Strothers has contributed 13 years, Soledad Alston joined Babyland 12 years ago, Claudia Folsom and Shirley Mills have each been employees for 11 years and Melvin Boatwright's smiling face has cheered us all for 10 years. Even though most of the honorees refused to open their beautifully wrapped calligraphy-addressed gifts, a few of us were already aware that the gifts were various styles of clocks representative of passing time - TWENTY YEARS.

After a superb buffet-style luncheon and "sisterhood" camaraderie, members of the group said their farewells and separated, but not before Clarion photographer, Eva Obermeyer took commemorative



Faithful Babyland employees recognized for their steadfast service of 10 years or more are: (L-R) Annie Strothers, Soledad Alston, Madge Wilson, Shirley Mills, Claudia Folsom, and Melvin Boatwright.

## There's A Doctor In The Family!

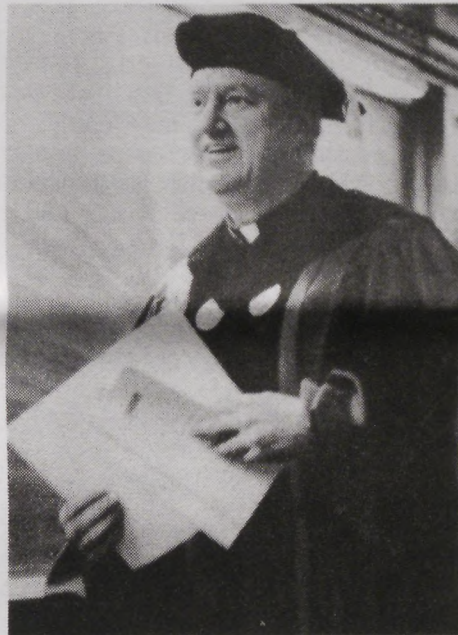
On Saturday, May 21, 1988, Joseph J. O'Hare, S.J., President of Fordham University, conferred upon Monsignor Wm. J. Linder, pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church, Newark the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, while friends and family looked proudly on at the Rose Hill Campus.

Msgr. Linder was a member of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences earning his Ph.D. in Sociology.

Delivering the outstanding commencement address that day in the impressive traditional Fordham quadrangle was Charles Osgood Wood, from CBS news, a Fordham College graduate of the class of 1954.

We at New Community appreciate the effort put forth to earn this long awaited degree while carrying a full load as pastor of an inner-city parish and mentor of NCC, in addition to wearing many other hats in a life filled with public service.

Our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS!



Garbed in his doctoral robes, degree in hand, Msgr. Linder, Ph.D., glows with satisfaction at recent graduation ceremony.

photographs and Jeanne Gibbons presented each Babyland Center with a framed plaque entitled "Our Deep Appreciation" which will always promote the "sisterhood" philosophy. It reads:

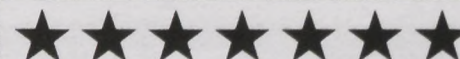
*For there is no friend like a sister,  
In calm or stormy weather;  
To cheer one on the tedious way,  
To fetch one if one goes astray,  
To lift one if one totters down,  
To strengthen whilst one stands.*

To our co-workers, we admire your dependability, conscientiousness, and ability to be patient as you teach us the Babyland "sisterhood" way.

To our friends, we missed your presence, if you were unable to celebrate with us, and we thank you for having faith in us.

To our founders, we are grateful to you for opportunities you have made possible for so many people, especially for us, the Babyland family.

Martha Carroll  
Assistant Director  
for Human Resources



## Monsignor Wm. Linder Scholarship Fund

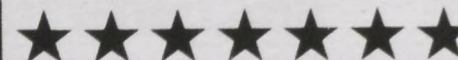
A scholarship fund is being set up in honor of Monsignor Wm. J. Linder, Ph.D., on the occasion of his 25th anniversary in the priesthood.

Anyone who wishes to make a gift to the fund may do so by making a check out to: MONSIGNOR WM. J. LINDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Contributions should be addressed to:

Monsignor Linder Scholarship Fund  
c/o St. Rose of Lima Rectory  
11 Gray Street  
Newark, NJ 07107  
Attention: Mary Ann Kearney

Contributions will be tax-exempt.





# NCC's Second Annual Older American King And Queen Pageant

Our seniors are special people because they have already earmarked many avenues for the next generations to follow and/or improve upon. Our seniors are a generation of proud people who refuse to be looked upon as fragile and useless. Many of them are so active it would send almost any of their more youthful counterparts reeling.

Everyday is a great day for our older Americans, but to make sure we do not forget to recognize them, May has been designated as "Older Americans Month," in the state of New Jersey. This means that in almost every county there are special events or activities geared towards the more "experienced" generation.

Here at New Community, a housing development in which easily 2,500 seniors reside (the largest of its kind in New Jersey), we have a wealth of experience and activity in our older population.

To honor our older Americans we began the "NCC Annual Older American King and Queen Pageant." The first was held in May of 1987, at the NC Extended Care Facility, South Orange Avenue, Newark. This year our "Second Annual" Pageant was held on Saturday, May 14, 1988 at the St. Rose of Lima School Auditorium, Newark, New Jersey.

The participants in the pageant were residents from each of the six senior buildings. These Kings and Queens were chosen by their peers to represent each building in the pageant. All those who were chosen are active members in their buildings as volunteers, members of lodges and church workers.

As the day of the pageant drew nearer, the excitement and anticipation seemed to catch everyone up in a whirlwind and to add a brightness to the week which was gray with clouds and rain.

Saturday was a beautiful day; the sun shone and our royal troupe were all aglow in their finest attire as they awaited the events of the afternoon program.

The school hall was bedecked with brightly bobbing balloons attached to



**Their Royal Highnesses, Alton Jackson and Ora Waters.**

vases of spring flowers and ceramic handicrafts. The enthusiastic guests, families and friends hurried in to get seats and offer support and encouragement for contestants. While waiting for the ceremonies to begin, the guests were greeted with fruit cups, cole slaw, fried shrimp and a platter full of assorted nuts and chocolates.

The pageant was ready to begin and Mrs. Henrietta Dukes, of N.C. Manor Senior opened the program with a soul stirring solo to get us in the mood for something good.

The royal court was escorted to the stage by NCC's finest "The Color Guards," under the direction of Sgt. Jackson, who insured the safe journey of our kings and queens. Each introduced themselves to the audience and did so with grace and charm.

It was an extra special honor to have Mrs. Delores McDaniels from the Mayor's office present to address our group on his behalf.

While waiting for the judges to tally all the ballots the audience was kept busy looking for winning

numbers on their ticket stubs, in hopes of winning one of the many ceramic pieces, 11 of which were hand crafted by some seniors at NCC's Ceramic Classes.

Finally, the moment arrived and all waited with bated breath to see who would be the King and Queen for 1988.

First, the second runners up were chosen; Mrs. Rev. Levinia Green of NCC Roseville and a tie for king, Mr. Ephamtheus Shambley and Mr. Edgar Denson. Next came the first runners up (whose job it is to fill in in the absence of King and Queen), Mrs. Phyllis Burton of N.C. Associates and Mr. Arthur Lipscomb also of N.C. Associates.

The new King and Queen for 1988 are Mr. Alton Jackson and Mrs. Ora Waters. Both reside at NC Manor and were very much surprised at the decision. There were tears of joy as family members and friends gave them a warm round of applause. The couple, with the assistance of the N.C.C. Color Guards, were escorted around the hall on their royal walk of introduction, stepping to joyful tunes provided by Mrs. Emily Ross and Mr. Curtis Watkins.

The festivities closed with a delicious spaghetti and meatball lunch which had been prepared by Mrs. Debra Johnson, and for dessert there was a beautiful and delicious sheet cake provided courtesy of Silver Crest Bakery in Newark.

Thank you to all who helped to make this a very special day for our Older Americans.

"Every man desires to live long; but no man would be old."

Jonathan Swift.

## 1988 CONTESTANTS

### CANDIDATES FOR KING

Mr. Alton Jackson (NCC Manor), Mr. Ephamtheus Shambley (NCC Roseville), Mr. Louis Williams (NCC Commons), Mr. Arthur Lipscomb (NCC Associates), Mr. Edgar Denson (NCC Gardens).

### CANDIDATES FOR QUEEN

Mrs. Ora Waters (NCC Manor), Rev. Levinia P. Green (NCC Roseville), Mrs. Grace Chambers (NCC Commons), Mrs. Mabel McGhee (NCC Associates), Mrs. Edna Davis (NCC Gardens).

### SPONSORS TO THE PAGEANT

The following donated prizes and/or contributions:

THE PRIORY RESTAURANT, 233 West Market Street, Newark

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SILVERCREST BAKERY, 1137 South Orange Avenue, Newark

COOPER'S LIQUOR AND DELI, 584 Orange Street, Newark

PATHMARK SUPERMARKETS

"The Lord would have us leave a trail of joy as we travel through life."

Joyce Cook

## Outstanding Priory Employee

Maria Ortiz, a kitchen helper at The Priory Restaurant has been chosen an Outstanding Priory Employee.

She has worked for The Priory for the last six months and came to the attention of her employer according to Senathiraja Natesan, Manager, because of her consistent hard work, attendance and punctuality. Maria

also has a natural sense of hygiene and cleanliness about her work which is so important to her job. She presents a sparkling appearance herself as well.

Ms. Ortiz came from the Dominican Republic and has lived in the United States for 5 years. She is the mother of 3 sons.



Maria Ortiz (L) is rewarded for her excellent work by NCC's Director of Human Resources Cecilia Faulks and Priory Manager Senathiraja Natesan.

## A CHANGE OF PACE



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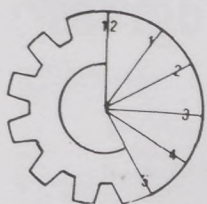


# FATHER'S DAY

IS JUNE 19th







## NCC Employment Center

### To Be Unemployed

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For May

For some people, unemployment is a mere inconvenience, or sometimes even a welcome break from the daily grind. For other people, the experience of joblessness sets in motion a chain of events leading to poverty hopelessness and despair.

Beyond the financial gain provided by employment, many emotional benefits are to be reaped by one's status as an independent, responsible, contributing member of society. When people — rich or poor — have nothing to do, the depths to which they may sink are well known by us all. Drug or alcohol abuse, physical abuse of themselves or others, underground economic activities, depression, idleness and escape from reality, are some of the fates awaiting people with nothing to do. Even when people do hold jobs, if the position does not allow for the full expression of their abilities, they are almost obligated to seek out more meaningful activities, lest they fall prey to the pits of existence awaiting people with nothing to do.

Many of the people we have helped to find jobs, had nothing to do when they first sought our no-fee employment counseling and placement services. Their stories reveal much more than the monetary poverty engendered by their lack of employment, and expose the intense emotional anguish which accompany's prolonged and unwanted joblessness.

The individual experiences varied, but all found their personal limitations or circumstances were imposing great barriers, as they searched for employment and some measure of self-determination. For these people, the door of opportunity was solidly shut for many weeks, months or years.

Robert Miller\* cannot cope very well with the current pool of job openings which exist, increasingly, in areas far removed from the central city. Robert is mildly retarded and needed to find employment close to home, for fear of getting lost — indefinitely. Because his retardation is not severe, there are many tasks he can accomplish quite effectively. Yet his slowness at grasping new concepts, gave many employers reason to pause when confronted with the decision of whether or not to hire Robert Miller — whether or not to offer him the chance for human dignity and self-respect.

"How will I ever manage to train this young man?" they wondered. "How will he cope with all of our rules and regulations?" others mused. The questions were many and conclusions the same — "I do not have the patience, will or desire to provide the extra supervision or resources needed if a job is offered to Robert Miller." For the employer, there was the question of good management. For Robert, the issue was life or death.

Robert eventually found his way to New Community Employment Center where he rested his search for employment in the hands of employ-

ment counselor John Bins. John immediately realized that Robert needed not only a sympathetic employer, but also one that was located very close to his home. In touch with many employers in the local area, John began looking for a company in Robert's neighborhood and was finally successful at finding one who was willing to offer Robert the chance he so sorely needed. Robert was hired to work in the maintenance department of an apartment complex just one block from his own home. He has been there now for three months, and at the age of 29, is just beginning to experience the gratification that comes with paying one's own way.

Elizabeth Johnson\* is a lady who worked for 19 years in one factory before the company moved its operation overseas. Confronted for only the second time in her life with the challenge of finding employment, Sharon found the conditions much different than what she faced 19 years ago. Sharon is functionally illiterate and found her biggest obstacle was the very detailed employment application commonly used by companies today. Though some positions exist that do not require the skills of reading and writing, job seekers generally need to complete an application before being considered for the job. For many people, this is a formidable hurdle to overcome. Sharon asked for our help and was assisted by her counselor for a three-month period of time, which led ultimately to a successful job placement.

Her counselor pulled together many different application forms and spent time with Sharon helping her to recognize the similarities and differences. After three months of counseling, Sharon had both the skill and confidence needed to go out looking for work. She was placed with a clothes manufacturer, as a sewing machine operator. Her job doesn't require reading or writing, yet without those skills, she could not have gotten this position.

Some of the people we helped to find work have challenged our resources mightily. Many of Newark's thousands of unemployed people find themselves oppressed and held-back by their limitations, circumstances and lack of opportunities. Our experience has taught us that despite severe handicaps — whether physical, emotional or systematic — opportunities for employment do exist. Locating these opportunities is another matter and requires skills and resources that many of our applicants have not acquired. The counseling and job search services we provide make the critical difference in the lives of many of our applicants. With patience, understanding and dedication, you too can make the difference in somebody's life.

L. Michelle Odom

\*Names are changed to protect privacy.

## Third Driving Course Completed

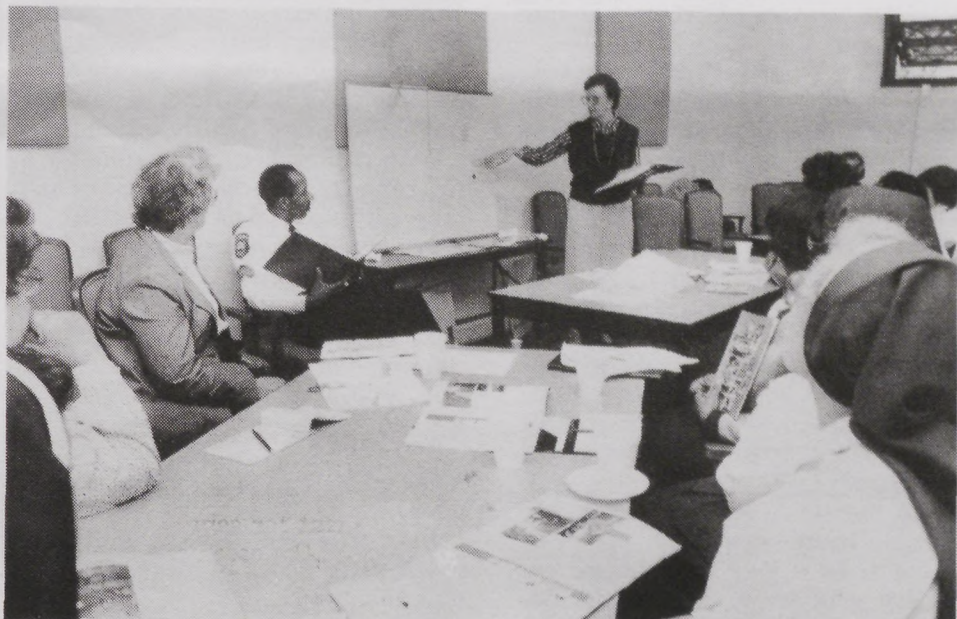
New Community held its third successful Defensive Driving Course in May, with twelve participants benefitting.

According to Oscar Durant, who is coordinating the classes, having 10 nuns as students in the group was a delightful experience. They were amusing and enthusiastic. There was lots of good natured banter amongst serious learning as examples of potential hazards were explained.

More than that however was the

and the potential damage a car poorly operated might do.

It is very important to ask questions, according to Mr. Durant. They were willing to come up and point things out on an illustrated board. They were wonderful students. Instructors Sgt. John Jackson and Mr. Milton Taylor enjoyed them too. Sr. Mary Ellen Bennett was impressed with their willingness to serve NCC this way and felt the safety points were very valuable to her.



Sister Catherine Moran takes her turn at the board pointing out a safety problem as Sgt. John Jackson (left) and her classmates listen attentively.

positive response and serious attention given by the class to the subject, and the participation by all. He had more questions asked of him and answers given by this group than by any other. Two employees of the Extended Care Facility rounded out the class.

One might think that since all these women are providing service to improve the quality of life for others they have a deep respect for its value

As an example of what he teaches, Oscar passed on three safety points quickly to our readers. First, leave space between you and your car in front when stopping for a light or stop sign. That way if you are hit from behind the damage will be limited. Second, head on collisions are common, but may be avoided if you drive on the extreme right on a two lane road, so if the oncoming vehicle goes off course, it has some space and you can maneuver too. Third, when the driver behind you has on high beams, this can blind you. Check your rear view mirror for a button which can be pushed to deflect these headlights — and let the car pass when possible.

Completing the course were: Sister Consuela Scott, S. Marie Infante Gonzalez, S. Clare Elton, S. Catherine Moran, S. Anastasia Hearne, S. Clare Terrance, S. Mary Ellen Benentt, Ms. Barbara Moore-Wortman, S. Joan Spingler, Ms. Jacqueline Ragin, S. Veronica Kaiser and S. Helene E. Trueitt.

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### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

New Community Corporation Employment Center is a non-profit, no-fee employment service for the people and employers of the metropolitan area. If you'd like to reduce your advertising expense and interviewing time, let us know of your job openings. If you need help finding a job — or a better job — just call for an appointment. Employers and job seekers may reach us at (201) 643-3828.

L. Michelle Odom

## NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CENTER

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## JERSEYCARE Gives Added Help

One preoccupation people have as they get older is their future security. What can they do to provide for themselves in their old age? Will it be enough? How can they avoid becoming dependent on their children and other relatives?

Some people are fortunate enough to have pensions, savings and investments to give them some peace of mind about future income. Others are eligible for the federally funded Medicaid Program, which provides health care coverage for people who qualify under spartan income guidelines.

There's a group between these two, however, whose financial assets are not able to offer any reassurance, and whose income is slightly above the guidelines for Medicaid eligibility. These are the people we often hear about — the ones who are unable to see because they haven't had their glasses changed in ten years; the ones who eat jello because they can't afford dentures; the ones whose diseases go undiagnosed because their income can't be stretched to cover food, heat AND medical attention; the ones who are found dead because they were alone, neglected, and unable to afford nursing home care.

It will be a long time before our society gets its spending priorities totally realized. However, let's celebrate one big step in the right direction which was taken recently.

In the State of New Jersey, the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Assistance and

Health Services extended the special Medicaid Program JERSEYCARE to cover people over 65, or blind, or permanently/totally disabled whose income was too high to qualify for Medicare. (JERSEYCARE was begun in 1987 to provide coverage for some pregnant women and children.)

Of course, high income is a relative term. To qualify for JERSEYCARE, income (numbers rounded to nearest hundred) has to be less than \$500. per month for an individual, \$650. for a couple. Assets (numbers rounded to nearest hundred) must be under \$4,000 for an individual, \$6,000 for two. It is easy to see how people eligible for JERSEYCARE would be unable to afford health without it.

With it they become eligible for a full range of services: physicians and other physical and mental health care providers, home health care, medical day care, prescription drugs, orthopedic devices, eyeglasses, hearing aids, hospital care, rehabilitation, nursing home care, medical supplies and equipment, x-ray, lab and medical transportation.

It is easy to imagine the improvement this makes in the quality of life of some of the most venerable members of our society, and how much more peace of mind they are able to enjoy.

Have you hugged your State Legislator today (right before you asked him or her to work for higher appropriations for Human Services such as JERSEYCARE)?

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett

## Home Health Aide Classes Progress



Sr. Ann Tumulty quizzes her Home Health Aide class on the anatomy of the heart.



Learning the art of gentle patient care, the students pay close attention to Soledad Alston's lecture on shampooing a bedridden patient.

## We Will Understand It Better Bye And Bye

To understand is to grasp the meaning, nature, significance, or explanation of something; to accept something as a fact or truth. It is possible to see something functioning or in action without understanding what makes it perform or the elements involved in its operation. It is also possible to revel in the expectation of a celestial and beatific state of eternal happiness without initially fully understanding the divine prerequisites for the attainment of that exalted state.

Although faith is an essential ingredient in the alchemy of understanding prophecy, connotation of promise without faith does not relegate itself to unmitigated, comprehension. No human being spoke more wonderful, meaningful, and prophetic words than Jesus — words that were to shape the destinies of men and nations down through the ages, transfiguring the lives of many who heard and believed in Him as He sought to save the lost and emancipate the sin-bound and those dead in sin from their shackles. His pronouncements of the kingdom appeared to many to be revolutionary, because they seemed to turn upside down the contemporary human relationships.

Much of what He taught fell dead on men's hearts because their own hearts were far from God, and lacking faith, they did not understand. How often has man been exposed to good teaching and training but failed to understand its significance? Correctional institutions, in part,

abound with testimony thereof.

The didactic adage, "spare not the rod and spoil the child," was seldom understood by the youthful neophyte being instructed, nor did youth understand the positive correlation between relevant correction and a good life in the future; however properly applied corporal direction has been known to influence exemplary behavior. Pupils and students sometimes do not understand why they are exposed to certain educational subjects, and fail to understand that one day they may need such information and training to be able to adequately function in the adult world, to become efficient parents and to be good citizens. Through education students may gain a set of beliefs, ideals and values which give purpose to life and influence them to live in a civilized and productive way regardless of what dire circumstances surround them.

Not to be overlooked in importance is the family, which should be the foundation building block of a free society, the support and refuge for the individual, and a loving environment in which children can absorb and accept, as the pattern for life, principles that lead to a competent, secure, and productive life. Early in life many did not understand the importance of all these but later being buffeted about by life's experiences, they came to understand it better bye and bye.

Life's experiences have been hard for many poor people, especially for those who suffered prolonged illness. Seemingly in vain, they have cried

## Defensive Driving

Defensive Driving is a valuable skill which can even be life enhancing. Graduates of National Safety Council Certified Defensive Driving Classes typically make more careful drivers, and consequently enjoy lower insurance rates.

In an effort to lower the automobile insurance premium for the New Community Network, Sgt. John Jackson of NCC Security, and Milton Taylor, NCC Director of Transportation became certified teachers of Defensive Driving. This enables them to give the course to all Network employees who have occasion to drive company cars. Oscar Durant, Insurance Claims Coordinator arranged four series of classes. Recently, some of the women religious who work in various areas of the Network, along with Barbara Moore and Jac-

queline Ragin from Extended Care, gathered for four mornings straight, from 8 to 10, to brush-up on the ins and outs of Defensive Driving, presented by Sgt. Jackson and Mr. Taylor, whose lectures were supplemented with interesting films.

Could it be possible that the instructors enjoyed making sure that each of us got an opportunity to demonstrate proper left hand turns, etc. at the board?

Incentives for making this course abounded: increased safety on the road, lower insurance rates, good company, coffee, danish.

We all passed, and no one had to stay after class.

If you don't know what a stale green light is, perhaps you should consider a Defensive Driving Class.

Sister Mary Ellen

out, "how long must I suffer the pain that afflicts me?" "I am pained in my very heart," (Jeremiah 4:19), and "my pain is not relieved," (Job 16:6). "Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable which refuses to be healed?" (Jeremiah 15:18). Sometimes life's experiences put us on our backs in order to give us a chance to look up, which may be a blessing if only we would take advantage of it; for it is not always what happens to us that matters most but how we react to it.

The mind like the body can be wounded, and sorrow is a wound which cuts deeply but is a clean

wound that, with the help of God, will heal unless we permit something to get into it, such as sin, bitterness, and self-pity. God does not promise us a pain-free life, but He does promise us strength to endure, and to go with us throughout our sorrows. In Revelations 21:4 He promises that, "He will wipe away every tear from our eyes. There shall be no more sorrow, nor crying, and there shall be no more pain." We may not understand it today, but if we believe in Him, we will understand it better bye and bye.

Lewis Graves  
Springfield Branch  
Newark Public Library



## Notes From Babyland:

### Family Communication Is A Learning Process

Establishing a habit of openness in everyday life can make parenting easier. Bing Crosby, years ago said: "Your neighbor can do a better job of raising your child than you can." In a sense this is true. We do a poor job when it comes to communicating with our sons or daughters.

Most people believe that they communicate much better than they do. They assume that others intuitively know what they think without actually being told and in turn, are convinced they can recognize the feelings of others without asking.

They cling to the notion that children never hesitate to ask questions or to speak their minds. They act as if "the less said, the better things are."

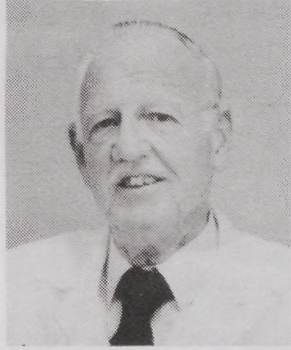
Such families are "below the communication poverty line."

Perhaps because the parents in these families were not taught when they were children that all kinds of emotions are O.K. They hide negative feelings and some parents are even afraid to express their joy or happiness, for fear of seeming weak.

They way to move out of communication poverty is to show feelings and ideas. First, don't hold back your own feelings. Many adults need to learn that all kinds of emotions are acceptable and normal — including anger, anxiety, sadness, fear, frustration and worry. It is usually a good idea to express negative feelings so long as no one else is hurt by the way you do it.

Children learn how to act by copying their parents.

Another way to improve family communication is to encourage your child to ask you questions. Posing questions and seeking answers is the basis of most learning. Make sure your children feel comfortable about bringing questions and problems to you. Put down what you are doing and give the questioning child your



Dr. Paul  
Kearney

**full attention.** Give long or short answers depending on what the child wants. Be absolutely honest — don't hesitate to say "I don't know." Always encourage the child to go after satisfying answers, however, and help him or her to look further and discuss how the question might be answered. Make it easy for your child to get to and use the library.

Praise children for good behavior and achievements, and do it often. Contrary to what you may believe, a child cannot overdose on praise. Build up your child's self esteem and yours as well. Children need to be hugged, kissed, smiled at, played with and rocked. Show your affection. You know you love your child but unless you show it directly, the child will not know.

Every day, spend some time alone with each of your children doing something you both enjoy — go for a walk — read aloud to each other, share a hobby or a household project.

**"Be available to your children"** They learn what is right or wrong by watching you. If you hide your feelings, they will too. So it is important to show your joys, sorrows, hopes and fears with them.

Such openness will pave the way for healthy, productive, and happier lives.

Paul Kearney, M.D., F.A.A.P.  
Medical Director  
Babyland Nursery, Inc.

## FOOT FACTS:

### Heel Pain In Athletes

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9 - 12 every 2nd & 4th Sat.

Pain along the bottom of the heel can afflict almost anyone — walkers, joggers, runners, tennis players, and even the professional athlete. Heel pain is one of the most common symptoms of injury among all athletes. Since heel pain adversely affects one's level of performance, and may be slow to resolve, it can be a source of frustration to all athletes.

When heel pain occurs on the plantar (bottom) aspect of the heel, it is frequently caused by either a heel bursitis, plantar fasciitis or heel spur, or a combination.

A bursa is a fluid-filled sac, which helps to cushion an area or to reduce friction where two structures rub together. If the bursa is excessively irritated, it will become inflamed and fill with more fluid, expanding to press on surrounding tissues, causing pain. Inflammation of a bursa is called bursitis.

The plantar fascia is a thick fibrous band which inserts in the bottom of the heel and extends to the toes to help support the arch. When the fascia is overstretched some of the fibers may tear with resultant pain inflammation. This is called a plantar fasciitis.

Occasionally, some of the fibers will pull away from the fascia where it inserts into the bottom of the heel bone. This causes a micro-fracture at the surface of the bone. The body responds by laying down new bone to repair itself; unfortunately, this new bone is a heel spur.

When one first notices pain on the bottom of the heel, initial self-treatment is possible.

Since the initial treatment is the same for all the previously described causes of heel pain, the injured athlete can start treatment without having an exact diagnosis.

Start with rest, ice, and the application of protective padding to the area. Rest requires either reducing or stop-

Dr. Kenneth  
Frank

Podiatrist



ping the activity to allow time for the injury to heal. This may mean reducing the level of activity by 50% or the participation to only every other day. In some cases when the condition is not improving complete rest is necessary.

Ice should be applied to the injured heel for 10 minutes after the injury. This stops inflammation and swelling which will help to reduce the pain. A soft heel pad or a heel cup should be inserted in the shoe for added protection.

Also, a new pair of shoes could prove beneficial.

Anyone with heel pain for whom the above treatment does not result in improvement in 10 to 14 days should consult a doctor of podiatric medicine (DPM). The podiatric physician is the medical specialist for conditions of the feet. The podiatrist will complete a personal health history, conduct an examination, and possibly take x-rays to determine the exact cause of the heel pain.

The podiatric physician can also determine if other factors, such as a training schedule, work habits, or a foot structure problem are contributing to the affliction. Once a better understanding of the injury is obtained a specific treatment plan can be initiated. This may include continuing some of the self-treatment already started.

A tight calf muscle is usually associated with heel pain, so a stretching exercise should also be undertaken. This can be done with a wall push-up. One should stand facing the wall, about an arm's length away. The feet should be about 12 to 18 inches apart and slightly toed-in. Keeping the body straight, one must place both hands flat on the wall. The object is to lean forward until a slight pulling is felt in the calf, holding this position for 15 to 20 seconds. This stretching should be repeated 10 times, twice a day.

## Banner Repair Underway



Ida Fletcher (L), Sr. Veronica (C), and Margie Woods work hard to refurbish NCC's banners in time for Black Heritage Parade on June 5.

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# Security Corner

## Awards Ceremony

The New Community Corporation Security Department held its Fourth Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 11, 1988. The affair was held at the NCC Extended Care Facility, 266 South Orange Avenue, Newark.

The program opened with the posting of the colors by the NCC Security Color Guard, followed by the processional composed of the

Sister Doris Ann Bowles, O.P. NCC Director of Operations, assisted by Associate Director of Security Otis Rhynes, presented the awards. For Meritorious Service Sgt. Bernard Russell, Acting Sgt. Joseph Sweet and Security Officers Darryl Arrington and James Hubbard received awards.

Honorable Service awards went to Security Officers: Vance Bay; David Fitzgerald; Sanford Ricks; Joseph

Russell, Don Goldman or Len Schlosberg were aware of the fact that they would receive an award. All expressed surprise when called to the podium to accept the awards.

The last award was the Citizen's Award which was presented to Mr. Nate Brown of the NCC Maintenance Department at the NCC Douglas Harrison Complex.

A reception was held in the community room of the Extended Care Facility immediately after the ceremonies.

## Officer Of Month

The New Community Department of Security proudly announces the selection of Security Officer William Green as its Officer of the Month for May, 1988.

Security Officer Green, a two year veteran of security, was selected because of his unselfish dedication to duty, sensitivity and the maturity he brings to the position. In addition, he has maintained a better than average attendance record, is rarely absent from duty.

Sister Anne Quirk, site manager of the Douglas-Harrison Housing Complex where officer Green is assigned, said of him: "Officer Green is outstanding as a Security Officer at Douglas-Harrison. He is always in a pleasant mood and eager to be of assistance to the tenants and management. No job is too small or too large for officer Green. You just ask him and he is willing to help as he goes about performing his duties."

How does officer Green feel about being one of NCC's finest? His comments are, "I am very proud and honored to be a member of the security force. It offers an opportunity for anyone seeking a future in law enforcement, it's a great place to start."

Congratulations officer Green, we are very pleased to count you among our most loyal and committed professionals.

Security Officer Green, was presented with an engraved plaque for his achievement from the Katzin's Uniform Company of Newark, Co-sponsor of the program along with the N.C.C. Security Department.



Sheriff Thomas D'Allessio (L), Msgr. William Linder, and Security Director Jim DuBose (R) flank a proud and delighted Bernard Russell, NCC's newest Officer of the Year.

awardees. Both the National Anthem and Negro National Anthems were sung by Mrs. Emily Ross, who was accompanied by Mr. Curtis Watkins, both of St. Rose of Lima Church. The Invocation and Benediction were given by Monsignor William Linder also of St. Rose of Lima Church, Newark.

Mistress of Ceremonies was Mrs.

Sweet; Eric Hubbard; Roland Smith; Jose Santiago; Courtland Williams and Marlon Anderson.

Good Conduct (Officer of the Month) awards were presented to Security Officers: Roy Little; Jose Santiago; Cleveland Smith; Harriet Price; Eric McCain; Joyce Streeter; David Fitzgerald; Cpl. Sheila White; Dorothy Johnson and William Green.



S/O William Green receives his award plaque from Sr. Anne Quirk and Security Director Jim DuBose in front of NC Douglass-Harrison.



Essex County Chief of Detectives Louis Greenleaf (L) congratulates S/O David Fitzgerald on his award as Leroy Canady, Extended Care Facility's director, looks on.

Cecilia Faulks, NCC Director of Human Resources. The guest speakers were Former Newark Police Director and now Essex County Chief of Detectives, Louis Greenleaf, who represented Essex County Prosecutor Herbert H. Tate, Jr., who could not attend due to the death of his father, the late Herbert H. Tate, Sr., retired Superior Court Judge. The other guest speaker was Essex County Sheriff, Thomas D'Allessio.

Special Service Awards (for Five Years of Employment) were given to Associate Director Otis Rhynes; Cpl. Sheila White; Sgt. William Cameron and security officer, Harriet Price.

Katzin's Officer of the Year Award was presented to Sgt. Bernard Russell and finally the Director's Award was presented to Don Goldman and Len Schlosberg of Katzin's Uniform Company of Newark by the Director of Security, James DuBose. Neither Sgt.

## Black History Notes

Research by Security Director James E. DuBose

In 1935, Frederick McKinley Jones inaugurated the first successful application of mechanical refrigeration techniques to railroad cars and trucks, enabling them to ship perishable food products over long distances.

Previously foods were packed in ice, so slight delays led to spoilage. Jones' new method instigated a change in eating habits and patterns of the entire nation and allowed the development of food production facilities in almost any geographic location.

Jones was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. His mother died when he was a boy and he moved to Covington, Ken-

tucky. In Covington, he was raised by a priest until he was sixteen. After leaving the rectory, he worked as a pinboy, a mechanics helper and finally as chief mechanic on a Minnesota farm.

He served in World War I and in the late 1920's his mechanical fame spread when he developed a series of devices to adapt silent movie projectors into talkies.

Jones also developed an air conditioning unit for military field kitchens.

During his lifetime, a total of 61 patents were issued in his name.

## CALL FOR HELP

Is your husband or boyfriend abusing you? You are not alone — it happens a lot. There's a number you can call 24 hours a day where people are available to help you explore your feelings and plans. All calls are kept confidential.

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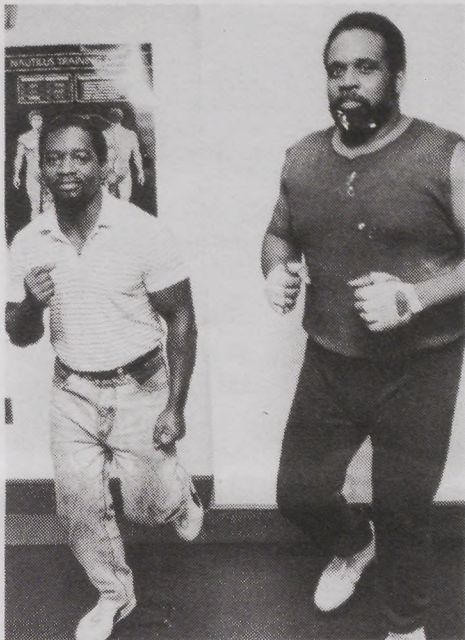


## On Their Way

Chester Jones and Paul Hendricks joined the health spa in 1986. They usually attend the spa at least 3 or 4 times a week. They work out on the Nautilus equipment and participate in the aerobic classes. "Because of the fulfillment we have received from New Beginnings Spa we have conditioned our bodies to be able to participate in various marathons," stated Chester and Paul.

Their first run was the Newark Classic in which they ran a distance of four miles. They then ran in the Cherry Blossom Run for Pride for a distance of five miles.

With the support and encouragement of outside associates, as well as their many friends at New Beginnings Spa they will continue to work to reach their weight-loss goal, as well as increase their endurance.



Paul Hendricks (L) and Chester Jones warm up in the Spa's aerobic room.

## NC Roseville Report

The "Sharing and Caring Senior Task Force" of Essex County held its monthly meeting at N.C. Roseville's Community Room on May 12, 1988. Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. It was satisfying to note that many of our residents attended the meeting and were informed about a great number of things important to Senior Citizens.

Everyone present introduced themselves. Then Chairperson Mrs. Wilnora Holman took the floor ex-

plaining to all newcomers the purpose of the Sharing and Caring meetings.

Mrs. Joyce Love, Director of the National Council on Alcoholism North Jersey Area Inc. lent her time and knowledge to address the problem of alcohol among Senior Citizens. Ms. Love also informed everyone attending about ways to protect their savings and other assets.

The information was very helpful to all.

R.S. Perkins



Joyce Love speaks with warmth and understanding to her audience at NC Roseville.

## Satellite Presentation For Evangelical Program

St. Rose of Lima was host Saturday, May 21st, for 150 parish representatives from the Newark Archdiocese - laity, religious, and priests who came to Newark to attend Pentecost '88.

Pentecost '88 is a nationwide multimedia satellite presentation conducted by the Paulist National Catholic "Evangelization Association of Washington, D.C." to prepare people as lay evangelists.

Over 35,000 persons from all parts of the United States took part in this 6 hour satellite program at thousands of locations. Close to 700 people took part in this program at 6 sites in the Archdiocese of Newark including St. Rose's; St. Luke's, Hohokus; St. Anne's, Garwood; and Our Lady Star

of the Sea, Bayonne.

The program featured nationally recognized experts in the areas of parish census, home visitation, lay evangelization methods and the Rite for the Christian Orientation of Adults which is the new procedure for formation of those who wish to become Catholics.

Persons attending Pentecost '88 discussed what they heard and were able to ask questions of the speakers by telephone. A satellite dish was installed at St. Rose for the occasion.

Suggestions made by those who attended will be forwarded to Monsignor Richard McGuinness, the Vicar for Evangelization and will be used in setting up plans for Evangelization in the Archdiocese of Newark.

## NC Associates

### Reunion Of Teenage Sweethearts Ends In Marriage

Jackie Johnson and Herbert Middleton were sweethearts at the age of seventeen. After the breakup of their friendship, they went their separate ways. Years later they got married, but not to each other. Jackie Johnson became Ms. Jackie Adams. As time passed Jackie and Herbert lost their mates.

While attending the funeral of a friend, years later, Jackie saw someone she thought she recognized; yes, it was Mr. Herbert Middleton, Sr. After months of becoming reacquainted their reunion ended in the marriage which took place on April 2, 1988. A fantastic reception was held in the Ballroom of the Peppermint Lounge in Orange, New Jersey on April 30, 1988.

What a happy ending to a long friendship! The best of everything Mr. and Mrs. Middleton.

### King And Queen Runners-Up

Congratulations Arthur Lipcomb and Phyllis Burton for becoming first runners-up in the NCC King and



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Middleton

Queen pageant. Arthur and Phyllis thank everyone who helped them to come this far. All things work together for good.

## In Appreciation

Our thanks to Mr. Charles Cummings, Director of the Newark Public Library and Mrs. Josephine Jennifer, President of the Library Board of Trustees for making available to us the services of their excellent bindery department. The 1986 and 1987 issues of The Clarion containing

much historical material are now preserved in permanent bound form for our archives.

Mr. James Hayes and Mr. Frank Molinaro of their bindery department are to be commended for the excellent work they do.

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## At Your (Social) Service

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### Karate Classes Begin

On Monday, May 16, the first session of NCC's Karate class was held at 220 Bruce Street.

The classes are being taught on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Darryl Thomas and Mr. Lyle Nance. Mr. Thomas is the head instructor of the class and is a 3rd degree black belt, who is also a New Jersey middleweight champ. Mr. Nance is the assistant instructor who is the number one ranked, undefeated, lightweight champion of New Jersey. Mr. Nance and Mr. Thomas are both associated with Turtull System Karate of Newark.

Registration for the classes is open to children of all ages and can be done at the classes Monday, Tuesday and Thursday or at the N.C. Youth Department Monday through Friday between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. The registration fee for the class is \$15.00.

The classes are filling up fast so it is recommended that children register as soon as possible.

Any parents of children interested in observing one of the classes on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday, before registering, are encouraged and welcomed to do so.

Thom Mannard



Karate instructors Darryl Thomas (center) and Lyle Nance demonstrate a rigid stance for their students.

### NCC RIF Project Participates In The Summer Of Readasaurus

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) is a national nonprofit organization that helps children discover the joy and importance of reading, through a nationwide network of 3,100 local projects such as the one in existence at the New Community Corporation After School Program sites at Bruce Street and St. Rose School. The NCC RIF Project conducted by the NCC Services Department is made possible by the Give The Gift of Literacy grant. Other sponsors such as CPC International have also assisted with funds which are used to purchase books for the children which they can then keep.

RIF has reported to us that on April 1, 1988 a dinosaur egg was discovered on the North Slope of Alaska and proclaimed to be a rare breed, once thought to be mythological — the Readasaurus. It has survived million of years because it has the capacity to read! The egg was transported by the U.S. Postal Service across the country and appeared in special reading events and celebrations in 21 cities.

On April 29, 1988, the egg was delivered to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. (RIF headquarters) where it was exhibited in the Hall of the Dinosaurs of the National History Museum. On May 3,

National Readasaurus Day, the egg hatched amidst a celebration packed with children which was carried live on "Good Morning America" and the "Summer of the Readasaurus" was proclaimed. (By the way — it was twins a boy and girl...and they both love to read!)

The children in our After School Program have the opportunity of winning the grand prize sponsored by "IBM's Writing to Read," which is a 3 day trip to Washington, D.C. with parents, and an IBM Writing To Read Laboratory for the winners' school as well as a personal computer for the winner and the winner's local library. Other prizes will also be offered. To be eligible the participants ages 5-12 mail a post card signed by a parent every time 3 books have been read during June - August listing the names of the books, age, school and address of the school.

The real winner, of course, will be the children who read and discover the joy of reading not for a prize but for their future growth.

Mowbrey McKinley



### Foster Grandparent Program Expanded

The NJ Foster Grandparent Program is funded by the Federal Volunteer Agency ACTION and the State of New Jersey. Jayne R. Bidgood of the NJ Foster Grandparent Program is the Community Supervisor for our Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) which was initiated by the Social Services Department of NCC.

Persons 60 and over in good health who have love and time to offer and meet certain income guidelines are eligible to become foster grandparents. They serve 4 hours daily, 5 days a week and receive a tax free stipend and travel reimbursement.

Social Services Human Resource Manager, Mowbrey I. McKinley who

serves as the liaison between NCC and the FGP reports that in addition to the laps of our first foster grandparents Theodora Woolridge and Opal Wesley at Babyland III, there are now more laps for the children to sit on at all of the Babyland nurseries.

The new foster grandparents are Bertha Williams (Babyland III) Minnie Franklin and Gladys Phillips (Babyland II) and Geneva Spearman, Mary Hardy, Lilla Cranford, Ruth Dunn and Vermel Manning at Babyland I.

We welcome all of you. The children really need you and the love, attention and time that you give to all of your new foster grandchildren.

### Circus Time Again

You are never too old or too young to enjoy the circus, and a group of our seniors from NC Commons did just that.

May 13th was Special Seniors Day at the South Mountain Arena in West Orange, where they were hosted by the ever popular All-American Circus.

The chills and thrills of the circus still fill the hearts of those who see it. Mrs. Georgianna Brown said, "I never laughed so hard; I want to come back again." This feeling was unanimous.

If you've never been to a circus, do yourself a favor, go and have a truly good time.



A group of NC Commons dwellers enjoys the attention of a clown at the All American Circus in West Orange.

### Recreation At Extended Care Facility



A game of parachute ball provides lively moments for these NCC Extended Care Facility residents.



## New Community – The Matchmaker

Jim Rohrman, NCC Systems Director takes his job very seriously, but when he went over to instruct Debbie Santa Ana, the secretary at our Social Services Department, on the use of her new Wang Word Processor he got more than he bargained for — a little over a year later she became his wife.

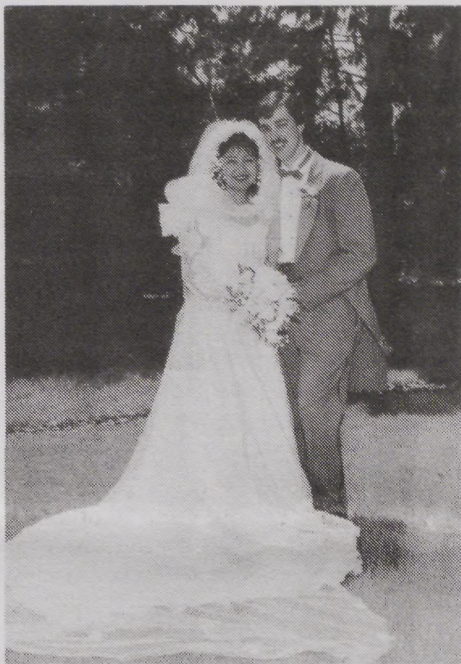
Their wedding was celebrated by a mass at St. Rose of Lima Church on May 7, 1988 with Monsignor Wm. J. Linder officiating.

Family and friends came from as far away as the Philippines and Pennsylvania for the ceremony. (It was the first time the Monsignor had a bride and groom arrive an hour early).

The Priory Restaurant did an outstanding job of the wedding reception which followed.

The groom provided a surprise ending to the day when he picked his petite bride up without warning and carried her out of St. Joseph's amidst the well wishes of delighted guests.

All at NCC wish the newly married



**Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rohrman**  
couple a long, healthy, happy and blessed married life.

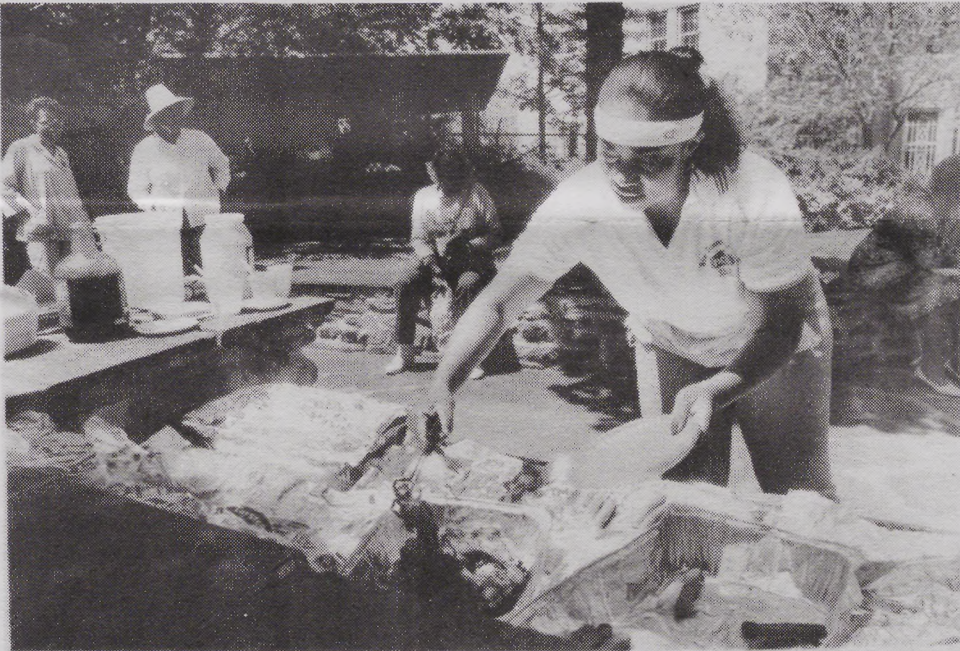
## Hot Fun In The Sun

What a relief to be able to get outdoors and just in time for the long Memorial Day weekend.

On Friday, May 27th the seniors at NC Manor had a fabulous cookout at the St. Rose of Lima Park. There was

chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs and an out of this world punch!

Everyone ate and laughed until they could hold no more. That is the way to start off a great holiday weekend.



Joyce Cook works hard to feed NC Manor's residents at their cookout.

## Display For National Nursing Home Week



Lisa Strand and Emily Ross examine a giant board in the Extended Care Facility's lobby depicting its activities, in honor of National Nursing Home Week.

## Two Older Americans On The Go!

In New Community a lot of our more mature population are very active. It is difficult to select one person to mention in the area of always being on the move.

### Mrs. Iris Lewis

There is a young lady who resides at New Community Roseville, and she is rarely home. When she is home at New Community Roseville, Mrs. Iris Lewis can be found busily at work on one of her many handicraft projects. Mrs. Lewis is very adept in crocheting, the results of which can be seen on display throughout her apartment.

One year Mrs. Lewis suffered a severe stroke, complicated with the removal of a brain tumor. For months she was labeled as dysfunctional, paralyzed completely on one side and



Iris Lewis

unable to do anything for herself.

"I felt like a vegetable. Prayers and faith in God were my stronghold. I wanted to be able to do for myself." Mrs. Lewis had these thoughts every day and was very much determined to once again do for herself.

Mrs. Lewis is originally from Jamaica, a place she still visits frequently to see family members. She is from strong stock and people who take pride in being independent. Many tried to convince her that she would not be able to do anything she once did — she would not walk, ride a bus, crochet or do ceramics. It was thought that because of her age, 72 years, a full comeback would be unlikely.

An old saying goes, "Believe nothing you hear and only half of what you see." Mrs. Lewis took this to heart, for today you would not be surprised to see her boarding a bus to see a show, an airplane for one of the states, or going to one of the community centers to either volunteer or participate. Mrs. Lewis heard nothing the doctors said because today she is off and running; she is never down. Assisted with a walker (or I should say she is assisting her walker), when she is ready to go, Mrs. Lewis dons her Reebok sneakers and steps lively, unencumbered by wheelchair and only using her walker "because she ought to."

Today at the age of 74 (something I find hard to believe), Mrs. Lewis is a picture of sheer radiance; her youthful appearance and happy-go-lucky attitude are very uplifting. Mrs. Lewis has resumed her attendance at Ceramics Classes, visits the

community center regularly, and if you say the words "Let's go" she is probably well ahead of you and has already gone. Definitely "an older American on the go."

### Mrs. Evelyn Ragland

Mrs. Evelyn Ragland is a caregiver at Babyland III and she lives to please others. Recently she had to stop working due to health reasons. Mrs. Ragland tried to be idle for a while but that was very brief.

Moving into New Community Associates she found that there was so much she could do, for all around her were people who needed assistance.

"I love it, it makes me feel good to know I make the load a little lighter for someone else. I don't like to sit still; rocks do that," she says.

Mrs. Ragland has done extensive traveling both in and out of the country. In fact, she has just returned from Texas, where she attended graduation ceremonies of a relative from a Theological University.

When the opportunity opened up for her to work at Babyland, which she has been doing for some five years, her heart poured out its abundance on every child she came in contact with. Mrs. Ragland has helped at all the Babyland sites and is at Babyland



Evelyn Ragland and her charge, Leigh Burnett.

III now because it is close to her home at 180 So. Orange Avenue.

Nurturing is her motherly nature and when she is not with the children she can be found visiting her daughter Mrs. Phyllis Williams who resides at New Community Roseville.

It is truly a difficult task to keep up with Mrs. Ragland for she is also very active in her church, and is constantly packing her bags and flying off for a convention or some function in her church.

Her advice to her peers is, "Don't sit and complain, just because you feel a little pain. Get up and go move around, and instead of being disgusted you will feel much more sound."

Congratulations to the older Americans who stay on the go, and to the many more who refuse to be type-cast as "just another elderly person."

Let's all follow the example: oil your gears and get off the rears. There is still a lot you have to offer to life and a lot of life for you to receive.

Joyce Cook



# Memorial Day Picnic For New Community Family



A trio of friends share a table and a chat: (L-R) Viola Walker, Marian Simpson, and Cora Barfield.



Martha Chaneyfield plays cards with friends as children romp in the background.

## School Workshop On Alcoholism

On May 19 the National Council on Alcoholism presented a workshop for teachers at St. Rose of Lima School. The Council, which serves most of Northeastern New Jersey, is located at 60 South Fullerton Avenue in Montclair, New Jersey. According to Ms. Marion Fritsch, Education Coordinator, the Council is available to speak to both youth and adult groups about the scope of the problem and teaching sequence for chemical health education. Ms. Fritsch's presentation focused in on the effects of alcohol on the family members of an abuser. With the aid of a film entitled: "Soft is the Heart of a Child," she showed how as educators we can not ignore the crippling effects this substance has on the performance and attitudes of children whose households bear the scars of alcoholism.

Alcohol and drug abuse is our nation's number one social problem. It affects all Socio-economic groups. Any educational program for our young which attempts to eradicate this problem must not omit a decision making component which would allow children 1) to recognize that they are responsible for their own behavior; 2) to become aware of positive alternatives to drug and alcohol use,



Janiqua Farrell (L) and Lerasha Smith enjoy a ride on a tire.

misuse, and abuse; 3) to demonstrate refusal techniques other than the infamous "Just Say No"; and 4) to identify stressful situations and ways to deal with them.

Future workshops involving parents and students are being planned, according to Mr. Arthur L. Wilson, Principal of St. Rose of Lima School. "Our number one National problem must not become so terminal as to destroy completely our number one National resource," said Mr. Wilson.



Marion Fritsch addresses a gathering of teachers at St. Rose of Lima School.



(L-R) Alice Wilson, Joan Drye, Patricia Patterson, Richard Sumper and his girlfriend, and Nellie Little socialize under a sunny umbrella.

## Make Believe With Fashion

The theme was appropriate, the setting was familiar and the hall was filled, as "Make Believe with Fashion" paraded across St. Rose of Lima School stage to the amazement of many. Commentator for the affair was Ms. Joyce Cook from New Community Social Services and a former student at St. Rose's.

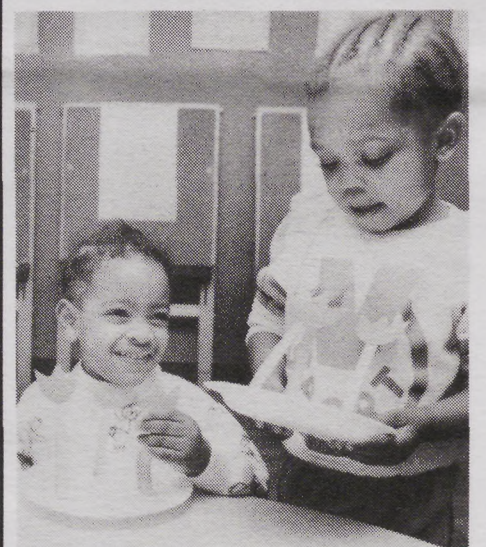
This fund raiser for the Junior Choir, had something for everyone as students, parents, teachers, and guests participated. A particular note of appreciation is extended to Mrs. Donna Allen and Jeanine Wardell from New Community Extended Care Facility who modeled and helped with publicity. Among the school staff who modeled were Mrs. Linda Blackwell, Mrs. Tonya Nowlin, Mrs. Martha Marshall, Mrs. Whitney Turner, Ms. Bernadette Fennell, and Mrs. Linda Pettiford. Mrs. Alberta Brady, Mr. Daniel Fabrizio, Mr. Richard Proctor, Jr., Sister Clare Terrence and Mrs. Corine Wilson assisted with before and behind the scenes orchestrations which helped make this seventh annual tradition a success. Combined with talent sketches from Broadway Shows and comedy skits, the audience was invited to fantasize with an array of lounge and sleepwear, sportswear, casual and dresswear, and the traditional "Red and White" spectacular.

Some forty-five students involving

choir and non-choir members under the direction of Mrs. Emily Ross were the true stars, while Curtis Watkins, organist for St. Rose of Lima Church and Owen Parris, student artist assisted.

Proceeds from the affair will help defray the cost of the choir's end of the school year outing. Plans are being made to attend the New York production of "Gospel" at the Lamb Theatre, according to Mrs. Ross.

## For Mom



Danielle Ware (L) and Camille Hand can't wait to present these paper posies on Mother's Day.